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Williams Ranger District to Burn Moonset Pit Debris Pile Tuesday August 10

Williams, Arizona, August 9, 2021 — Significant moisture received over the past month has created ideal conditions to allow fuels reduction work to continue on the Kaibab National Forest using prescribed fire and pile burning methods as fall and winter approaches.

The Moonset Pit green waste disposal site near the community of Parks is scheduled to be ignited on Tuesday August 10. Although this pile is usually burned in the winter months, fire managers elected to burn it now anticipating faster and more complete consumption, better smoke ventilation, and ultimately reducing the long lingering heat in the pit that usually occurs in the colder weather. Smoke production is expected to be minimal after the first few hours with rapid dispersion and shorter duration.

The Moonset Pit serves the local area providing a location for the disposal of natural forest debris. Moonset Pit is located just west of the Parks community on a dirt road east of Spitz Springs on the north side of old Route 66. The pit is scheduled to reopen for local use in the spring of 2022.

During operations, fire personnel and vehicles working in these areas will be visible to the public. Motorists are asked to avoid active hot areas and are reminded to use caution and drive with heightened awareness when passing through the project vicinity.

All prescribed burning on the Kaibab National Forest is subject to approval by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality.

For additional information about the Smoke Management Division of the ADEQ and to view prescribed burn authorizations, please visit: legacy.azdeq.gov/environ/air/smoke/index.html

Additional fire information for Kaibab National Forest can be obtained from the following sources:

Fire Information Recorded Hotline: 928-635-8311

Twitter: [www.twitter.com/KaibabNF](https://twitter.com/KaibabNF)

Kaibab Facebook: www.facebook.com/KaibabNF

Kaibab website "Recent News": www.fs.usda.gov/kaibab

Kaibab South Zone Rx Fire: inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5922/

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